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# Bulletin

## Announcements

- The American Soldier Exhibition
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## Events

10/10 - African Lecture by Olatunji Ojo  
10/11 - Environmental and Earth Sciences Colloquium  
10/11 - Solidarity Supper  
10/11 - CAB Karaoke  
10/11 - Resume/Interview Workshop  
10/12 - Campus Housing Open House and BBQ  
10/12 - Associated Students Day  
10/12 - SERVE with SEBA  
10/12 - Jazz Band Concert  
10/13 - Fall 2016 Mid-Term Exam Period Begins  
10/15 - Smash Bros. Video Game Tournament

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## Did You Know?

Community Time is 10 years old! Started as a two-year pilot program in 2006, **Community Time was the result of several years of discussion** about how to

## College Receives \$2.7 Million Federal STEM Grant

The U.S. Department of Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM program [has just awarded Saint Mary's \\$2.7 million over five years to improve student success](#). The federal grant will support Caminos a Las Ciencias: Pathways to Science, a new initiative designed to enhance and expand the curriculum and resources for SMC's Hispanic and low-income students.



## Interfaith Sacred Space Opens



Saint Mary's new Interfaith Sacred Space, which offers students of all faiths somewhere to pray, officially opened last week with a community blessing. Brother Charles Hilken called [the path to opening the space](#) "community in action. Saint La Salle, I think, is very happy and proud right now of what his spiritual descendants are doing here."

## Welcome to New Faculty Members



Saint Mary's welcomes a vibrant and diverse new cohort of tenure-track faculty this year in all four schools. "With research interests spanning the globe and a passion for teaching, the newest members of our community are surely meant to be Gaels," said Monica Fitzgerald, co-director of faculty development.

accommodate different community-building activities within a daily schedule that had little room for such events. Community Time became a permanent part of the weekly schedule in 2008—it happens every Wednesday, 12:40-2 p.m., except during January Term. Its three goals: to give the community a way to be together at meals and other events; to have discussions and experiences that foster community within our three traditions and educational mission; and to offer the community a chance to participate in discussions and experiences that enhance shared governance, institutional effectiveness, and continuous improvement.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to **Campus News**.

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## Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **Oct. 10**.

**Learn how to submit Events and Announcements.**

## SMC Makes Princeton Review Best Colleges List

Saint Mary's is among the 381 most outstanding higher-ed institutions in the country, according to The Princeton Review's annual The Best 381 Colleges: 2017 Edition. The College was also included as one of the 649 colleges in the Review's online 2017 Best Colleges: Region by Region. SMC was also just named [a best value regional university in the West](#) by U.S. News and World Report.

## Solidarity Suppers Back for Second Year

For the second year, students looking for a meal, community, or both can attend a Solidarity Supper, a free dinner offered bi-weekly, 5:30–6:30 p.m. A “pan-campus” event, as Mission and Ministry’s Nick Van Santen calls the supper, [the meals give students a chance to share food, give thanks, and learn about food insecurity](#). The next supper is Tuesday, Oct. 11.



## View



Jalen O'Neal-Strawder '19 shares a moment with his mother at Parent and Family Weekend, a chance for families to visit their students and learn about the new Student Success Office, take in museum exhibits, discuss California and the electoral process, and more.

## SMC in the News

- *East Bay Times* covers SMC election panel 'Voting Rights and Wrongs'.
- *Washington Jewish Week* discusses adult learning with KSOE's Kathleen Taylor.

## Go Gaels

### Men's Soccer Opens WCC with 2-1 Win at Pacific

With a pair of first-half goals and a stout defensive effort in the entire 90 minutes, the Saint Mary's men's soccer team recorded its third straight win over the past two weeks, [and claimed the vital three points with a 2-1 win over Pacific](#).





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## Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel is at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Daily Mass takes place Mon.-Thurs., 5:15 p.m., and Fri. at 7 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is Sun., 7-7:45 p.m., or by appt.
- St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist is each Sunday at 9 a.m.

## Religious Services Schedule

**Let us remember** that we are in the holy presence of God.